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Urban District of Lakes



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer

— of Health —

For the Year 1941.

*To the Chairman and Members
of the Urban District Council of Lakes.*

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report on the Health of the Urban District for the year 1941.

This Report is issued in accordance with the instructions of the Ministry of Health, which stresses economy in the matter of paper, and states that these reports should be confined to essential and urgent matters which have affected the Public Health.

I am much indebted for the help that I have received from the County Medical Officers in carrying out immunization against Diphtheria, and tender them my thanks.

Should you desire any further particulars, I shall be glad to supply the same on your request.

I have the honour to be,

Sir, Lady and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. BARON COCKILL,
Medical Officer of Health.

1st June, 1942.

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Year Ending December 31st, 1941.

Registrar-General's estimate of the Resident
population, mid 1941 7,642

EXTRACTS FROM
VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

	Total.	M.	F.	
Live Births	Legitimate 63	30	33	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 9.2
	Illegitimate 7	4	3	
Birth Rate, England & Wales	14.2
Still Births	3	1	2	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ... 39
Deaths	84	42	42	Death Rate per 1,000 of estimated resident population ... 10.9
Death Rate, England & Wales	12.9

Deaths from Puerperal Causes :—

	Deaths.	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) Births.
Puerperal Sepsis ...	Nil.	Nil.
Other Puerperal Causes ...	Nil.	Nil.
Total ...	Nil.	Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate, England & Wales ...		2.23
Death Rate of Infants under 1 year of age :—		
All Infants per 1,000 live births ...		41
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births ...		15
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births ...		286
Infantile Death Rate, England & Wales ...		59
Deaths from Cancer (all ages) ...		11
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages) ...		Nil.
„ „ Measles (all ages) ...		Nil.
„ „ Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age) ...		Nil.
The largest number of deaths from any one source were :—		
Heart Disease ...		19
Cancer ...		11

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water.

An extension of Water to Clappersgate was made by a 3" main laid for 320 ft.

Sewerage.

No extension of Sewerage System was made.

Public Cleansing.

The Troutbeck Area has been provided with a Scheme for this purpose.

Housing.

No new houses have been erected during the year.

There has been no gross amount of overcrowding owing to the influx of evacuees.

Salvage.

The Sanitary Inspector has been made Salvage Officer, and with shortage of staff many difficulties have been encountered.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk.

Eleven samples were examined for cleanliness and tubercle bacilli. No tubercle bacilli were found, and the cleanliness may be expressed as Good 2, Moderate 1, and Poor 8.

Meat.

This has been supplied from the Central Slaughter House at Kendal.

ADULTERATION, ETC., AND CHEMICAL AND BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF FOOD.

The County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority, and this work is carried out by Mr. C. J. H. Stock, B.Sc., F.I.C., County Analyst, Darlington.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES.

There has been an increase in the number of cases of Scarlet Fever, eleven such being notified; of these nine occurred at Grasmere and two at Ambleside. There was one case each of Erysipelas and Diphtheria and four cases of Pneumonia. Of infection associated with the Nervous System there was one case of Acute Poliomyelitis and two of Cerebro-spinal Fever, one of these being a military case. The epidemic of Measles which began in the previous year was on the wane, only 36 additional cases being notified, but Whooping Cough was more prevalent, the number increasing to 26. There was no fatal case arising from any of these causes.

Artificial Immunization against Diphtheria has been continued and A.P.T. is the prophylactic which has been used; 112 children under five years and 199 of school age have been immunised.

Modern Isolation Hospital accommodation is still lacking. There is an orthopædic hospital for evacuees at Ibbotsholme.

TUBERCULOSIS TABLE.

AGE PERIODS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non Respiratory		Respiratory		Non Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
5	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
15	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
25	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
35	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
45	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
55	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	2	—	4	—	2	1	—	—

Two pulmonary and four non-pulmonary cases were notified, and of these one pulmonary had contracted the disease elsewhere but came to reside in the Area. There were no fatal cases amongst these.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1941.

DISEASE	Total	AGES											Admitted to Hospital	Deaths	
		—1	1—	2—	3—	4—	5—	10	15—	20—	35—	45—			65—
Scarlet Fever	11	—	—	—	—	2	6	3	—	—	—	—	—	11	—
Diphtheria	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1	—
Pneumonia	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	—	—
Erysipelas	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	—
Cerebro-spinal Fever	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	2	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
Measles	36	1	—	—	1	—	13	17	2	1	1	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	26	2	2	2	5	—	12	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	82	3	3	3	6	2	31	23	2	3	3	1	2	16	—

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